

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A developer container detachably mountable to an image forming apparatus, comprising:

5 a first accommodating portion for accommodating a developer to be supplied to said image forming apparatus, said first accommodating portion having an opening at one longitudinal end thereof;

10 a second accommodating portion for accommodating a material collected from said image forming apparatus;

15 wherein said first accommodating portion is provided with a driving force receiving portion for receiving from said image forming apparatus a driving force for rotating said first accommodating portion to feed the developer in said first accommodating portion toward the opening;

20 wherein said first accommodating portion is supported by said image forming apparatus at said one longitudinal end and rotatably supported by said second accommodating portion at the other longitudinal end.

25 2. A developer container according to Claim 1, wherein when said first accommodating portion is rotated, said first accommodating portion is supported by said image forming apparatus and said second accommodating portion substantially at the center of

rotation.

3. A developer container according to Claim 2,
wherein said first accommodating portion is rotatably
5 supported by said image forming apparatus through said
driving force receiving portion.

4. A developer container according to Claim 1,
wherein the opening is provided at the same side as
10 said driving force receiving portion in a longitudinal
direction of said first accommodating portion.

5. A developer container according to Claim 4,
further comprises a sealing member for sealing said
15 opening, wherein said sealing member is provided with
said driving force receiving portion.

6. A developer container according to Claim 1,
wherein said second accommodating portion is provided
20 with a locking portion for engagement with said image
forming apparatus such that when said first
accommodating portion is rotated, said second
accommodating portion is not rotated.

7. A developer container according to Claim 1,
wherein said first accommodating portion is provided
25 with a projected portion which is projected toward

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said second accommodating portion and which is supported by said supporting portion.

5 8. A developer container according to Claim 7, wherein said projected portion is provided with a regulating portion for regulating movement relative to said second accommodating portion in the longitudinal direction.

10 9. A developer container according to Claim 8, wherein said regulating portion is capable of being in snap fit engagement with said second accommodating portion.

15 10. A developer container according to Claim 8, wherein said first accommodating portion and said second accommodating portion are provided with vibrating portions for generating vibration by sliding motion relative!! to to each other.

20 11. A developer container according to Claim 1, wherein said first accommodating portion is provided at a position facing to said second accommodating portion with a filling port for filling the developer
25 thereinto, and said second accommodating portion supports said first accommodating portion so as to cover said filling port which has been sealed.

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12. A developer container according to Claim 1,
wherein the developer and the collection material are
toner.

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13. A developer container according to Claim 1,
wherein the developer and the collection material are
toner and carrier.

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14. A developer container according to Claim 1,
wherein said first accommodating portion and said
second accommodating portion are detachably mountable
as a unit to said image forming apparatus.

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15. An image forming apparatus comprising:
mounting means for mounting a developer
container, said developer container including;

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a first accommodating portion, having an
opening, for accommodating a developer to be supplied
to said image forming apparatus;

a second accommodating portion for
accommodating a material collected from said image
forming apparatus;

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wherein said first accommodating portion is
provided with a driving force receiving portion for
receiving from said image forming apparatus a
rotational driving force for feeding the developer

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toward said opening;

wherein said first accommodating portion its supported by said image forming apparatus at said one longitudinal end and rotatably supported by said
5 second accommodating portion at the other longitudinal end.

16. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein when said first accommodating portion is
10 rotated, said first accommodating portion is supported by said image forming apparatus and said second accommodating portion substantially at the center of rotation.

17. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said first accommodating portion is
15 rotatably supported by said image forming apparatus through said driving force receiving portion.

18. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the opening is provided at the same side
20 as said driving force receiving portion in a longitudinal direction of said first accommodating portion.

19. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 18, wherein said sealing member is provided with said
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20. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said second accommodating portion is provided with a locking portion for engagement with said image forming apparatus such that when said first accommodating portion is rotated, said second accommodating portion is not rotated.

22. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 21, wherein said projected portion is provided with a regulating portion for regulating movement relative to said second accommodating portion in the longitudinal direction.

23. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 22, wherein said regulating portion is capable of being in snap fit engagement with said second accommodating portion.

24. An image forming apparatus according to Claim

22, wherein said first accommodating portion and said second accommodating portion are provided with vibrating portions for generating vibration by sliding motion relative!! to to each other.

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25. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said first accommodating portion is provided at a position facing to said second accommodating portion with a filling port for filling the developer thereinto, and said second accommodating portion supports said first accommodating portion so as to cover said filling port which has been sealed.

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26. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the developer and the collection material are toner.

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27. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein the developer and the collection material are toner and carrier.

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28. An image forming apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said first accommodating portion and said second accommodating portion are detachably mountable as a unit to said image forming apparatus.

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29. An image forming apparatus according to Claim

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